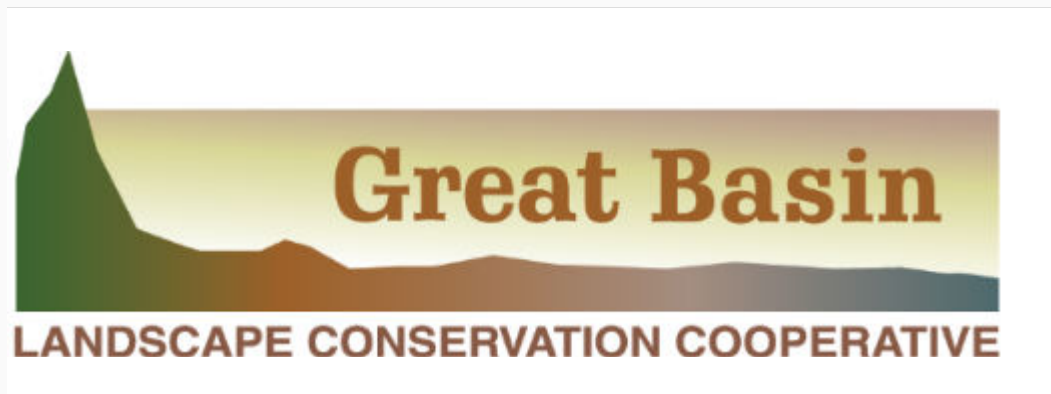




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News from the Great Basin LCC

Summer 2014 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

July 11, 2014

Great Basin LCC Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge RFP informational webinars

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News & Recent Updates

[Bureau of Land Management supports the Great Basin LCC science investments for 2014](#)



The Great Basin LCC is excited to announce that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has provided funding to the Great Basin LCC for landscape-scale, climate-related science and information research. The Great Basin LCC is looking for Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge projects that support the LCC's mission and goals regarding how climate change and related stressors affect natural and cultural resources within the geographic range of the Great Basin LCC. The

webinars regarding FY14 funding announcement.

These webinars aim to provide background information about the Great Basin LCC and create an open forum for potential applicants to ask procedural questions regarding the RFP. The webinars are intended as information only.

Science projects

Friday, July 11,

9:00-10:00 a.m.

(Pacific)

[Register here](#)

Traditional Ecological

Knowledge projects

Friday, July 11,

11:00 a.m. – noon (Pacific)

[Register here](#)

July 15-17, 2014

Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition Summer Conference 2014

Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and the Nevada Pinion-Juniper Partnership are planning this year's joint Summer Conference and Field Tour titled "*Aligning Industry and Ecology to Achieve Landscape-Scale Restoration in the Great Basin.*" This joint conference aims to bring leading

Great Basin LCC encourages applicants to seek matching funds from other sources to support proposals that leverage or augment funds made available through the Request for Proposals. [Click here](#) for more details.

Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge strategic planning continues

The Great Basin LCC is developing a Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (STEK) Strategy to establish science priorities that guide the LCC's work and science investments over the next five years. The LCC is excited to be conducting the process to create a five-year strategic plan which reflects the breadth of geography and resources encompassed by the Great Basin and incorporates Traditional Ecological Knowledge in a meaningful and thoughtful way.

The STEK Working Group will be meeting in Reno, NV on July 15 to discuss perspectives, opportunities and challenges related to Traditional Ecological Knowledge and identify decision-relevant factors in the following areas: resources of management concern, drivers by which climate change and ecological stressors affect resources of management concern, possible management actions to prevent, mitigate or offset adverse effects or increase beneficial effects, and additional knowledge and information that would help make a choice amongst alternative management approaches.

researchers, land managers, business owners, conservationists, public leaders, and interested public together for a conversation about the ecologic and economic realities of extensive restoration in the Great Basin. For more information, click [here](#).

July 21-23, 2014

The United Indigenous Voices Address Sustainability: Climate Change and Traditional Places

First Stewards seeks to unite indigenous voices to collaboratively advance adaptive climate change strategies to sustain and secure our cultures and strengthen America's resiliency and ability to adapt to climate change by holding symposia, and cultivating sustainable projects and educational opportunities within indigenous communities. The symposium will take place in Washington, D.C. For more information, click [here](#).

September 9-10, 2014

Pacific Northwest Climate Science Conference

The Great Basin LCC is

If you have questions, comments or would like to get involved in the process, please contact Great Basin LCC Science Coordinator Todd Hopkins at todd_hopkins@fws.gov or 775-861-6492.

Report from the Great Basin LCC Steering Committee Meeting

The Great Basin LCC Steering Committee considered four key topics during their virtual meeting June 30, 2014.

The Steering Committee heard an update from Dr. Elsa Haubold, National LCC Coordinator on Network's activities including the assessment of the LCC Network, the LCC Council, science prioritization, strategic planning, and communications. See www.lccnetwork.org for information.

The Steering Committee was also briefed on the Central Basin and Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment Opportunities and Challenges report, including a preview of recommendations from each of the theme teams in the areas of climate change, landscape metrics, hydrologic function, plant ecology, wildlife, soil and site stability and disturbance/development. The report is on track to be finalized by the end of July and delivered to BLM leadership in August.

As the STEK working group advances, the Steering Committee received an update on an upcoming July 15 workshop to review a long list of potential

helping to sponsor the PNW Climate Science Conference in Seattle, Washington brings together more than 250 researchers and practitioners from around the region to discuss scientific results, challenges, and solutions related to climate impacts on people, natural resources, and infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest. Click [here](#) to learn more.

October 6-10, 2014

Society for Ecological Restoration Conference

The Society for Ecological Restoration will be hosting a conference titled *"Collaborative Restoration: from community efforts to landscape scales"* at the Eagle Crest Resort, just outside Bend, OR. The conference will be looking at restoration issues in the Cascadia and Great Basin bioregions with a focus on the unique challenges of ecological restoration projects in these regions. For more information, click [here](#).

October 23-24, 2014

National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation

The Practitioners' Network for

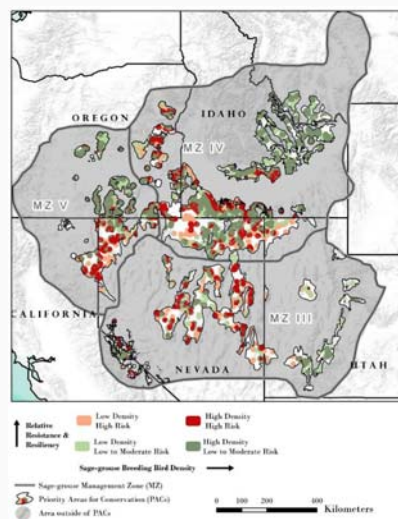
science priorities and consider how to incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge into the strategy. Part of this discussion touched on the 2014 Science Investment RFP available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov/).

Finally, the Steering Committee received a briefing on the Desatoya Mountains Project and the Porter Canyon Experimental Watershed research project including an invitation for the Porter Canyon Experimental Watershed Tour on August 20th, 2014 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Smith Creek Ranch Porter Canyon, Lander County, Nevada, 89310.

The Steering Committee's next virtual meeting will be held September 16th.

[Amarina Wuenschel, Great Basin LCC](#)
[Geospatial Data Analyst, co-authors General](#)
[Technical Report on Sagebrush Ecosystem](#)
[Conservation](#)

The Great Basin LCC is excited to share the Rock Mountain Research Station, General Technical Report, *"Using Resistance and Resilience Concepts to Reduce Impacts of Invasive Annual Grasses and Altered Fire Regimes on the Sagebrush Ecosystem and Greater Sage-*



Large Landscape Conservation is sponsoring a National Workshop in Washington, D.C. Share ideas on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in implementing large landscape conservation, as well as the most effective tools, strategies and science available to inform large landscape initiatives. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Great Basin LCC Facebook Page

You can now follow the Great Basin LCC on [Facebook](#) for updates on news, requests for proposals, upcoming meetings, videos, and other great resources!

National LCC Network Bimonthly Newsletter

The National LCC has launched its bimonthly newsletter. This newsletter will provide highlights from across the 22 LCCs. Sign-up for the newsletter [here](#).

Grouse – A Strategic Multi-Scale Approach,” is complete.

Amarina Wuenschel, who spent six months with the Great Basin LCC, collaborated with Jeanne Chambers and others to analyze data and create the suite of maps presented in the report. The report provides a strategic approach for conservation of greater sage-grouse habitat that focuses specifically on threats caused by invasive annual grasses and altered fire regimes.

The citation is:

Chambers, J. C.; Pyke, D. A.; Maestas, J. D.; Pellant, M.; Boyd, C. S.; Campbell, S. B.; Espinosa, S.; Havlina, D. W.; Mayer, K. E.; Wuenschel, A. 2014. Using resistance and resilience concepts to reduce impacts of invasive annual grasses and altered fire regimes on the sagebrush ecosystem and greater sage-grouse – A strategic multi-scale approach. Gen. Tech. Rep. RMRS-GTR-XXX. Fort Collins, CO: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. in press.

New “Climate Matters” Newsletter from the USGS Climate Research & Development Program

“Climate Matters” will be produced twice a year and is intended to provide an overview of research funded by the USGS Climate R&D program. It includes a feature article on a recent field excursion, summaries of recently published papers, and

research that has been featured in the news media. To sign up for the newsletter please contact Debra Willard: dwillard@usgs.gov. [Click here](#) to read the first issue!

Tribal Climate Change Newsletters from ITEP

Check out the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' monthly newsletter that provides



news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues. To sign up for the newsletter please contact Susan

Wotkyns: Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu. [Click here](#) to read past newsletters.

Appalachian LCC Hiring a Science Coordinator



The Appalachian LCC is now hiring for a 3-year, full-time limited-term position as Science Coordinator. This

position is based at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV. Candidates are currently being screened and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

Submit Abstracts for A Community of Ecosystem Services (ACES) Conference

The ACES conference is scheduled for December 8-12, 2014, in Washington, DC. The ACES conference is encouraging interested members of the Native American community to submit abstracts for presentations and posters, with a deadline of July 11. Conference themes include Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), climate change, cultural and social values, and tribal goals and resources. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Committee being convened to assess the LCCs

The National Academy of Sciences has been asked to convene a committee to examine the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) LCCs. This committee will evaluate the purpose, goals, and scientific merits of the program within the context of similar programs, and whether the LCC program has resulted in measurable improvements and progress toward its stated goals. Nominees from various backgrounds and with various expertises are being sought for the committee.

Interested in participating? Send your nomination to Jenna Briscoe: jbriscoe@nas.edu by Tuesday, July 8 and include the candidate's name, affiliation, area of expertise, and a few sentences about why the nominee is appropriate. Self-nominations are welcome.

Great Basin LCC highlights from 2013

The Great Basin LCC is pleased to share the achievements and growth of the Great Basin LCC

over the past year. [Click here](#) to read the Annual Highlights 2013 and learn about the work carried out by the Great Basin LCC over the last year.

Great Basin Consortium Meeting

Mark your calendars! The next Great Basin Consortium Conference will take place at Boise State University, ID on February 17-19, 2015. The combined meeting (Great Basin Research and Management Partnership, Great Basin Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units, Great Basin Restoration Initiative, Great Basin Environmental Program and Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative) will allow all of us to stay up to date on the region's major coordinating activities and emerging issues and to evaluate how we can best work together. Please plan on attending the Great Basin Consortium Conference and take a look at the [Consortium's website](#) for more information. Registration and program information will be shared as the date approaches.

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